

McCook City Council
December 16, 2019
5:30 PM Central

A MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK, NEBRASKA convened in open, regular, and public session at 5:30 o'clock P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Gonzales, Councilmembers Hepp, Calvin, Weedon, Muehlenkamp.

Absent: None.

City Officials present: City Manager Schneider, City Attorney Mustion, City Clerk Doak, Police Chief Brown, Utilities Director Dutcher, Water Superintendent Fawver, Fire Chief Harpham, Public Works Director Potthoff, and Senior Services Director Siegfried.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the McCook Daily Gazette on December 12, 2019, the designated method of giving notice, a copy of the proof of publication being attached to these minutes. Advance notice of the meeting was also given to the Mayor and members of the City Council and a copy of the Acknowledgement of Receipt of such notice is attached to these minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice to the Mayor and Council. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Gonzales announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted by the entrance to the Council Chambers and available for public review. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, Mayor Gonzales called the meeting to order.

1. Citizen's Comments.

Bruce McDowell and Tasha Blomstedt thanked the Council for approving the installation of crosswalks at the intersection of Norris Avenue and "H" Street and the Public Works staff for getting them installed the next day. Ms. Blomstedt stated that she had contacted the elementary schools about providing education to their students regarding the proper use of a crosswalk, adding that parents are obligated to teach their children crosswalk safety.

2. Announcements & Recognitions.

City Manager Schneider stated that staff has been working with the engineer on the Library HVAC replacement project and that plans and specifications will be brought to the Council for approval in January.

3. Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by Weedon and seconded by Hepp, passed.

Gonzales: YEA, Hepp: YEA, Calvin: YEA, Weedon: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA.
YEA: 5, NAY: 0

3.A. Approve the minutes of the December 2, 2019 regular City Council meeting.

- 3.B. Receive and file the claims for the month of November 2019 as published December 10, 2019.
- 3.C. Approve the automatic renewal of all current retail liquor licenses in the City of McCook for the year 2020 and instruct the City Clerk to publish individual notice of the right of automatic renewal of each license.
- 3.D. Approve the recommendation of the Fuel Contract Advisory Committee to continue the fuel purchase agreement, for calendar year 2020, with Frenchman Valley Cooperative, Inc., to purchase fuel for government vehicles.
- 3.E. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Certification of Compliance for the 2019 Maintenance Agreement between the City of McCook and the Nebraska Department of Roads.
- 3.F. Approve the renewal of Maintenance Agreement No. 17 between the Nebraska Department of Roads and the Municipality of McCook and authorize the Mayor to sign.
- 3.G. Receive and file update on a 2019 Blight and Substandard Study for the City of McCook.
- 3.H. Adopt Resolution No. 2019-16 providing for the levy of special assessments for cost of demolition to abate nuisances.
- 3.I. Adopt Resolution No. 2019-15, establishing crosswalks on the west side and south side of the intersection of Norris Avenue and "H" Street.
- 3.J. Receive and file the Agreement for Street Superintendent Services between the City of McCook and Greg Wolford for the 2020 calendar year.
- 3.K. Approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Ravenswood Road Paving Project and authorize the Mayor to sign.
- 3.L. Approve the Second Amendment to the lease between Dick Trail and the City of McCook for the lease of property at McCook Regional Airport and authorize the Mayor to sign.
- 3.M. Approve the Lease Agreement, as amended by the Lessee, between AirMD, L.L.C. d/b/a LifeSave and the City of McCook.
- 3.N. Ratify the Mayor's reappointment of Terry Peterson to the Housing Agency Board - term expires November 2024.

4. Regular Agenda.

- 4.A. Receive and file information regarding a sole source purchase of line stopping equipment for the Water Department.

Utilities Director Dutcher stated that the Water Department has budgeted to replace the current 35 year old line stop equipment with new updated equipment of the same size and model. He explained how line stop equipment works and that only two types of equipment are available to complete the process. The equipment currently used by the City is manufactured by Hydra-Stop of Burr Ridge, IL and sold by Municipal Piper of Hastings, NE and is highly specialized and not available from

other sources.

- 4.B. Discussion regarding adjusting the City of McCook's NPPD lease payments from 12.5% to 13%.

Discussion was held regarding adjusting the City's NPPD lease payments. Discussion included that staff has previously been directed to identify alternative revenue sources, not an increase in property tax; discussion would be appropriated during the budget process; and utilizing the additional funds for a specialized project within the General Fund.

- 4.C. Approve on its third and final reading, Ordinance No. 2019-2995 amending the City of McCook's Local Option Economic Development Plan to provide for early childhood care and educational programs as a qualifying business.

Mayor Gonzales asked the Clerk to read Ordinance No. 2019-2995 by title.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCCOOK, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE MCCOOK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ADDED AS A QUALIFYING BUSINESS.

Ordinance No. 2019-2995 has been read by title and I move to approve upon its third and final reading. This motion, made by Calvin and seconded by Muehlenkamp, passed.

Gonzales: YEA, Hepp: YEA, Calvin: YEA, Weedon: YEA, Muehlenkamp: YEA.

YEA: 5, NAY: 0

Mayor Gonzales stated for the record that Ordinance No. 2019-2995 is declared lawfully passed and adopted upon publication as required by law.

- 4.D. Council Comments.

Council comments included thanking those who decorate Norris Islands, they look nice, and wishing all citizens a safe and Merry Christmas.

Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Gonzales declared the meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

Michael D. Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lea Ann Doak, City Clerk-Treasurer